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1. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY SET UP COMPARABLE PROCEDURES, REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE HOW SOVIETS HANDLE TRAVEL NOTIFICATION BY AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS WHEN THEY ACCOMPANY DELEGATIONS WITHIN THE EXCHANGES FRAMEWORK AND WHEN THEY ARE INVITED ON OFFICIALLY- ORGANIZED TOURS FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

2. QUESTION AROSE MOST RECENTLY WHEN KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT MANAKOV WISHED TO ACCOMPANY YCL DELEGATION ON TOUR WHICH INCLUDED CLOSED COUNTIES IN GEORGIA. IN THIS CASE WE ASKED HIM TO FILE TRAVEL NOTICE AND REQUEST AN EXCEPTION TO CLOSED AREA RESTRICTION, WHICH WAS GRANTED. OTHER EXAMPLES HAVE BEEN SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAVE JOINED CORRESPONDENT TOURS SPONSORED BY USIS. IN CASE OF THE LATTER, QUESTION HAS ARISEN AS TO WHETHER, SINCE A US GOVERNMENT AGENCY HAS ISSUED THE INVITATION, IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR US TO REQUIRE ALSO THAT THE CORRESPONDENT

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SUBMIT A TRAVEL NOTICE AND, IF APPROPRIATE, A REQUEST FOR
CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION.

3. TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE ARE PARALLELS IN SOVIET PRAC-
TICE, DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW COMPARABLE PROCEDURES
IN DEALING WITH SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS. PORTER

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